

# **ENGAGE MORGAN HILL**

A conversation about services, funding, and priorities.

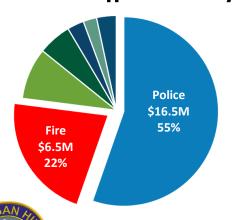
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# **MORGAN HILL PUBLIC SAFETY**

For many years, public safety has been Morgan Hill City Council's highest priority and the majority of the General Fund discretionary revenues are allocated to support Police and Fire to keep our community safe.

### Fiscal Year 2019-20 = \$23M or 77% of the General Fund supports Public Safety



#### Did You Know?

The Morgan Hill cost per capita per day to fund Public Safety is \$1.38 compared to your favorite Starbucks Latte \$4.31.





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# **MORGAN HILL POLICE DEPARTMENT**

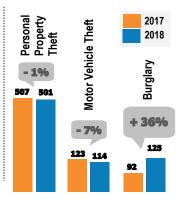


The Morgan Hill Police Department (MHPD) provides 24-hour, 365 days, 8,760 hours per year of professional law enforcement services using the concept of intelligence-led policing in partnership with the community to reduce crime, apprehend offenders and improve quality of life with integrity, professionalism and respect. MHPD is made up of 6 divisions: Police Administration, Field Operations, Special Operations, Public Safety Dispatch Center, Support Services, & Office of Emergency Services.

### MHPD by the #'s

- **42** Sworn Officers
- 1 Animal Services Officer
- 3 Multi-Service Officers
- 9 Public Safety Dispatchers
- 4.5 Records Specialists
- 1 Evidence Technician
- 4 Admin/Support Staff
- 2 Cadets
- 1 K9 Officer

# % Change in Property Crime 2017-2018 CHALLENGES AHEAD



Demands for police services are changing significantly in the state, region and in Morgan Hill. The rise in service demands for quality of life issues such as homelessness and mental health have created new public safety challenges. Increasing traffic, collisions and incidents of crime from population growth and legislative actions continue to impact our police services today and into the future.

Working to ensure public safety in this era of "new realities" requires both innovation and old-fashioned police work. We use technological solutions to increase our efficiency and effectiveness; however, policing is a human services profession; positive outcomes require additional human resources to meet our current needs. Significant increases in population from new housing laws will further exacerbate the need and require additional resources above and beyond what is required today.







## **MORGAN HILL FIRE DEPARTMENT**

### **Morgan Hill Fire Department Timeline**

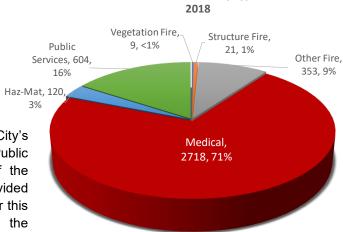


## **Morgan Hill Fire Department Services include:**

- EMS Advance Life Support-Paramedic Service
- Fire and Rescue Response
- Dispatching Services
- Fire Marshaling and Inspection Services
- Public Education & Support (CERT & Fire Explorer Training)
- Fire Administration

### **Third Fire Station**

A third fire station has been recommended per the City's Standards of Coverage Assessment (2019) and the Public Safety Master Plan (2016). During the dissolution of the Redevelopment Agency, the settlement agreement provided for the City to retain property on Butterfield Boulevard for this third Fire Station. However, the agreement requires the property to be constructed by 2024. In addition to the cost of the construction of the building, there will be approximately \$2.3 million in required staffing and \$1.5 million in new equipment costs associated with outfitting the station.



Morgan Hill Fire Calls for Service by Type

### **CHALLENGES AHEAD**

- Not enough firefighters in the City to address a single serious incident (structure fire, multi-casualty incident or address multiple incidents)
- Morgan Hill is dependent on South Santa Clara County Fire District to provide an effective response force
- Traffic congestion affects response times in core areas of the City
- Additional personnel, equipment, and third fire station are needed to meet current demand and generally accepted response time standards
- City is still paying for the acquisition of both fire stations purchased in 2013 (last payment expected in 2028)
- City is still paying annually for the cost to acquire initial fire apparatus and equipment (15-year Lease-Purchase expected last payment in 2027)
- Call demand continues to rise, +35% in the last 7 years